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1. [] the Tsingtao Chinese Chamber of Commerce called a meeting of all import-export merchants and heads of factories. Political speakers harangued the meeting for three hours on the subject of the virtues of the Chinese Communists (CCP) and the vices of the Nationalists. Importers were told to bring to Tsingtao any cargo afloat or which had been off-loaded at Shanghai, Hong Kong, or any other port while en route to Tsingtao. The Importers' and Exporters' Guild was instructed to obtain a list of the cargoes afloat so that arrangements could be made for their free entry to Tsingtao. Factories were ordered to resume operations, and exporters were told to continue trading "as usual."*

2. In accordance with orders from the CCP authorities, pao chia meetings were held [redacted] The meetings were held out of doors, in spite of rain, and all pao chia chiefs were obliged to attend, regardless of their other business. Among them was [redacted] who is a pao chia chief. The pao chia chiefs were instructed to seek out all Nationalist Army and Kuomintang remnants hiding in Tsingtao, and to locate all weapons in the possession of civilians so that the CCP forces might confiscate them. In some areas, notably the Ilitis Huk area, pao chia chiefs were ordered to select representatives from each family to attend political meetings twice a day. These political meetings are conducted by political instructors in gray uniforms. Their talks follow the usual line in regard to British-American imperialism, and point out that China is equal to the other great foreign powers and need not accept any foreign dictation. They also state that foreigners are to receive the same protection as Chinese citizens and must obey the same laws.

* Comment. The subjects of banking facilities and shipping accommodations did not seem to occur to the political commissioners who conducted this meeting.

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